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## ALMA

Aug. 21. Alma began its fifteenth year. In first year there are 15 Californians, and 6 Oregonians. One of the later is Mr. Linssen from Holland. California has also a Mr. Giachetti from Turin.

Two other theologians came from Montreal: Mr. Diemert (Ore.) for second year; Mr. de la Pena (Mex.) for third year.

Frs. Dullea, O'Gara, McDonald (Ore.) and Hargreaves (Ore.) attended the Young Christian Student Convention at Notre Dame High, San Francisco.

In August Fr. Maher spent several days in the Alma Library doing research in the "Spiritual Exercises."

Sept. 3. Fr. Callaghan joined the faculty. Fr. Harry Corcoran came later.

Sept. 13. Mass of the Holy Ghost; Professio Fidei; Schola Brevis.

Rev. Thomas J. Carlin (Ore.) has gone to Weston for his 4th year.

## AZUSA

The Manresa Retreat House was purchased by Fr. Jos. Stack for $65,000. In the first two months, 10 retreats have been given with an average attendance of 12 men, which is over 50% of our present capacity, and compares very favorably with the early days of El Retiro.

The staff includes four Fathers, two Brothers, and an oblate. Fr. Jos. Stack is Superior; Fr. Daze, Minister. Fr. McCummiskey (at Bl. Sacr.) is a retreat master; Fr. Thos. Sullivan, field secretary.

All of the 120 retreatants become members of the Dollar-a-Month Club. In addition, 70 old-time Loyola Retreatants have joined. We are free from taxes. The interest on the $50,000 loan is almost neglible.

We are grateful to the Sacret Heart and His Blessed Mother.

## LOYOLA HIGH

Sept. 2. Freshman classes commenced.

Sept. 10. Upper classes began. The student-body numbers 890.

Sept. 16-18. School retreat with four retreat masters: Fr. Zeman for Seniors; Fr. Daze, Juniors; Fr. Saussotte, Sophomores; Fr. Parrish, Freshmen. The exercises were staggered, so that the different groups could use the chapel and the auditorium. This helped silence and recollection.

Sept. 19. Close of retreat with Mass in the new gymnasium. The entire student body attended Mass there each day during the retreat. Fr. McCummiskey preached the closing sermon.

Sept. 22-26. "Hello Week." Games between Freshmen and Sophomores helped them get acquainted.

Sept. 19. Catholic League Football Carnival at Gilmore Stadium, where Loyola met Cathedral, its traditional rival, in an exhibition contest.

Fr. Saussotte is Assistant Principal.

## LOS ALTOS

The Labor Day retreat was given by Fr. O'Mara. Labor Day was the third and last day. Justin McCarthy, one of the retreatants, played the organ at the closing Benediction. On leaving the chapel he had a heart attack, and died almost immediately.

The Fresno Clergy retreat was given by the Provincial of the Redemptorists. Bishop Willinger made the retreat, and had a Rites Session as a part of it. A Solemn High was featured, and was taken lightly at first, but only for a while.

The Franciscans have bought an 80-room hotel at San Juan in the northern end of the Fresno Diocese. It will be a retreat heouse. Most likely the Fresno Clergy will make their retreat there next year. This new retreat house will draw on some of El Retiro's clientele, as Gilroy, Salinas, Watsonville and Hollister were good patrons of El Retiro.

Only a rumor.

Franciscans still lookin

With the opening of a retreat house in the Sacramento Diocese by the Passionists, it would seem that group Clergy Retreats at El Retiro are at an end. Both Sacramento and Fresno will make use of their own local retreat houses.

Bishop Willinger informed the Provincial of the San Juan retreat house, and spoke very kindly of the Society. He would have liked us to have undertaken such work, but the Franciscans acted first. The Bishop furthermore removed the ban on Phelan Park faculties. We can give diocesan faculties to those at the villa, and to those who go on supply there.

## LOS GATOS

Aug. 17. Samuel Tattu, a scholastic novice, entered from Loy. High.

Sept. 1. Grape season began unusually early.

**First Vows.**

Aug. 19. Br. Francis X. Uyeda.

Sept. 3. Br. Walter Brennan.

Sept. 8. Brs. Frank Buckley, Edward Callanan, Charles Leyba.

Sept. 7. More scholastic novices entered. From L. U., Robert Braus and Robert McDevitt. From Cleveland, Robert Falge. From Bellarmine, Mark McConville. From Loyola High, John Reed.

Sept. 8. Fr. Hubbard showed some recently completed pictures.

Sept. 9. Schola Brevis.

Fr. James Healy is Spiritual Father of the Juniors. Fr. Perron is no longer well enough for this work.

St. Stanislaus Ball Field, located in the grove beyond the handball courts, has been completely levelled and covered with fresh dirt. Great quantities of large rock had to be removed. St. Joseph's Field has also been covered with fresh dirt.

Behind the cloister a stone building is being built for the laundry.

## VILLA JOSEPH

The purchase of Villa Joseph is a remarkable story. One day Mr. Edward McLaughlin, a San Jose banker, had an idea that Fr. Congiato, Superior of the California Mission, needed money. The thought was persistent, returning many times, and remaining all day. Finally Mr. McLoughlin called on Fr. Congiato at Villa Maria, and presented him with a check for a few thousand dollars with odd figures in the hundreds and tens column. Fr. Congiato was deeply moved, because he and others had been praying for financial help. Money was needed for the purchase of land. In evident answer to their prayer, Mr. McLoughlin had brought the exact sum down to the last odd dollar. With this money 40 acres of the present Villa Joseph were bought.

Renowden, who sold the property to us, was later murdered some distance above the three large red-woods, which are a land-mark of the Villa. The crime was committed at the instigation of Majors, a Los Gatos saloon keeper. He had built a gin-mill for the lumber jacks who came through Los Gatos from the camps in the Santa Cruz Mountains. At times there were wild outbreaks, and murders were not infrequent. To put a stop to this, the law abiding citizens of Los Gatos lynched a murderer, chipping and denting a spot on the bridge's rail, as a reminder. The dent in the rail was more than effective.

Majors' saloon had the traditional back rooms and trap doors for the robbing and disposing of likely customers. Short of cash, he planned to rob Renowden, and sent Jewel and Showers to get the money. They went horseback to the present Villa Joseph, and unexpectedly found that Renowden had a visitor. To separate them, Jewel pretended to have lost his way, and asked Renowden to show him the direction. Jewel then seized Renowden and demanded the money. Because Renowden would not say where the money was, he was tortured and finally shot. Showers detaining the visitor, heard the shot and put a bullet into the stranger. The two bodies were dragged into Renowden's house and burned.

People who heard the horses galloping away, and who saw the fire glow on the evening sky, guessed there had been foul play. Eventually the three conspirators were apprehended. Showers, turning state evidence, got life imprisonment. Jewel tried to escape by using Fr. Congiato's influence. Failing in this, Jewel insulted Father and the Church. Both Jewel and Majors were hung.

There used to be a very large madron tree on the Renowden property. It said to be the spot where Renowde was tortured and killed.

The peace of the Villa and even of Los Gatos, gives no idea of the wild days of three quarters of a century ago. Reveling in the silence and the shafts

of sunshine filtering through the high redwood branches, one can forget not alone the cruel past, but also the anxious turmoil and sorrows of the present.

## SAN FRANCISCO

Fr. Rector gave the Scholastics' Retreat at Mt. St. Michael's.

Sept. 16. High School Mass of the Holy Ghost. Fr. Brolan preached.

Aug. 17. Fr. Fabris appointed Sub-Minister.

Fr. Bassett is a chaplain at S. F. Hospital. Fr. Stern, for many years chaplain there, has been appointed to U.S.F.

Aug. 16. Mr. Richard Doolan, oldest alumnus of the University, died.

Sept. 14. Mr. David O'Keefe, many years a teacher in the High School, died.

Fr. Wilson is studying at Georgetown.

Fr. Don O'Gara is an assistant pastor in Hollywood.

Among the 11 Monsignori invested on Sept. 7, was Msgr. Robert Falvey, brother of Frs. Arthur and Mark.

Sept. 2-4. Fr. O'Mara conducted the Freshman High School Retreat.

Fr. John Solon is Vice Principal for Freshmen in High School.

Adm. Herbert E. Sconland, who received the Congressional Medal in war time, is on the High School Faculty.

Sept. 2. High Scholo resumed classes.

Sept. 15. The University began class.

Sept. 19. The University football season with the new coach, Ed McKeever, began with its game against San Jose State.

Fr. Nagle is Dean of Men in the University.

The University Bookstore has been moved to the Hacienda.

The Francesca Room has been converted into eight offices for the various Deans.

Michael Riordan, USF Law graduate, has replaced Chief Dullea as San Francisco Chief of Police.

On the U.S.F. Staff: Frs. Lloyd Burns and Diebels; Messrs. Mackin, Robert Burns, and Herold.

A stained glass window in honor of St. Peter has been installed in the church.

Mr. Geo. Porter has campaigned for the Sacred Heart Program. As a result one San Francisco station broadcasts the program; and since vacation, four stations in the vicinity of Santa Cruz are airing it.

## BELLARMINE PREP

Sept. 10. Opening of school with overflowing enrollment of 628.

Sept. 15. 110 attend first of the monthly Alumni Society meetings.

Sept. 30-Oct. 3. Annual retreat given by Frs. Cody, Odou and Jas. Healy.

Improvements: New garages and a green house near the classrooms. New heating units for the gym and dining rooms. A new telephone switchboard.

Mr. Lavin from Stanford University, instructs in French and Spanish.

The class of 1947 gave a water wagon for the games; the class of 1946 donated a clock for the gym.

Assignments: Fr. Frugoli, Minister. Fr. Flynn, Spiritual Father of the Community. Fr. Odou, Upper Division Student Counsellor. Fr. Colosimo, Lower Division Student Counsellor. Fr. Carr, Moderator of Athletics. Fr. Corvi, Moderator of Publications, and of the Alumni. Frs. O'Neill and Sargent, Moderators of the Science Club.

Coaches: Messrs. Byrne and Dodd, the "B" football team. Messrs Hand and Maginnis, the "C" team. Mr. Crain, "C" and "D" basketball teams. Mr. Herrlich, the swimmers. Mr. Sargent, the track. Mr. Hand, tennis.

Mr. Shepherd has the band and orchestra, the dramatic society and "Bell Echo." Mr. Drendel has "The Cardinal."

Besides, all have a full teaching load, and other duties.

The Fathers have regular Sunday calls from Sunnyvale, Salinas, and in San Jose, Burbank, Holy Cross, Holy Family, St. Leo's Convent and Notre Dame High.

## SANTA CLARA

The University has a registration of over 1100.

Its team bus, bought from the Army, is a bright Red-'n'-White car.

Fr. Provincial's Santa Clara retreat was made by 10 Bros., and 2 Priests. Two other Priests were also in retreat at the time.

The "Santa Clara Guide" has been delayed by printer's difficulties.

## PARISHES

Phoenix is staggering its grammar classes, with 4 hours in the marning, and 4 hours in the afternoon. 630 children are in attendance. 150 were turned away. Also the pre-school class of 85 was dropped, through inability to get an extra Sister. There are 110 in high school.

Class has begun at the Guadalupe School in San Diego. Carpenters are still pounding all over the place; painters are worinkg right in the school rooms during classes.

Fr. Want is teaching catechism to public school children in San Diego. The pastor very kindly allows him to use the parish classrooms.

St. Joseph's, San Jose, has over 500 grammar school pupils. Here also the classes are staggered, with one group during morning hours, and the other in the afternoon. Some classes are in the rooms of the gym building. Two are in the gym itself, one on the floor and the other on the stage. Another class is in Holy Family Hall. Carpenters, steel men and cement workers prevent school hours from being dull or sleepy.

Holy Family, San Jose, will dedicate its St. Mother Cabrini statue on a Sunday in December. The statue is the gift of the Italian Federation, and representatives of the different councils will attend. Msgr. Maher, Dean of San Jose, will represent His Excellency and preach the sermon.

Santa Barbara High School, 213. Grammar, 434.

## CHINA

Aug. 17. Ten sailed in the "Strathmore" from San Francisco. They arrived in Shanghai on Sept. 12. Fr. Oliger and companion went on to Taku.

Oct. 10. The next group, comprising Frs. Brown, LeSage and Phillips, and possibly Fr. Rouleau, will set out for China.

Fr. Rouleau is now in San Francisco. He planned to remain in Rome somewhat longer, but could not secure sailing reservations for several months. There was a vacancy on the "Queen Mary" and he took it.

Due to an operation, Fr. Joseph Donohoe has been unable to go to Tertianship. He must rest for some months, and go to Port Townsend next year.

## VARIA

**Registration Figures.**

Bellarmine ..... 628
(Boarders, 160)
Loyola High ..... 920
S.I.H. ..... 1000
Loyola U ..... 1509
(Exclusive of Law. Also 150 Resident students turned away.)
U.S.F. ..... 1700
(With Law and Evening School, 2500)
Santa Clara ..... 1100

Fr. Walshe gave a retreat at Azusa, and was well liked.

Sept. 29. Frs. James Mara and Palm began their Long Retreat at Auriesville.

Fr. Jose Pena's Provincial has instructed him to return to China. He will likely sail in October.

Fr. David McAstocker has built at Riverside a St. Ignatius Church and Rectory for the colored people.

The Indult to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in Fr. McAstocker's private chapel, was obtained by Bishop Buddy out of his own devotedness to Fr. McAstocker.

## FR. DOERGE WRITES

Train travel is most arduous. At Stuttgart, the train was 200% occupied. Hundreds of people were on the station platform. He succeeded in climbing through a window. To move about was impossible. At each station most of the passengers climb in and out of the windows.

"In Aachen I met my brother. If I had met him in the street, I would not have recognized him, he was so thin and pale.

"The center of the cities is nothing but ruins and rubbish. Some streets are still so filled with debris that only a small footpath is left open. Large scale rebuilding has not started.

"The fuel situation is worse than the food one. With the cold wave which brought freezing, quite a number of the expellees from the east were frozen to death.

"There is a feeling of hopelessness and despair. I cannot write everything in a letter. But the mistakes made and being made are enormous. The population is driven to radicalism, either red or brown. If we wanted to impose Bolshevism on the people, the methods could not be improved very much. If the American people knew what is going on in Germany, things would change for the better. This would be not only to our interest, but also to that of the American people. The struggle for America's liberty is being fought inside Germany and by Germans—not by Americans!"

## DEATHS

Mr. McTigue's mother.

Mr. Shehan's aunt.

Fr. Brolan's aunt.

**Exivit.**

Mr. Joseph Wyss, 1st yr. theol.